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This report contains the results from the **2009 Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS)**. The data are posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar/> and in more detailed U.S. statistics at the Internet address above. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews used in the production of this report.

Arkansas farm production expenditures totaled \$6.75 billion in 2009, a 5 percent decrease from the \$7.13 billion in 2008. The average expenditures per farm fell 5 percent in 2009, to \$137,475 from \$144,625 in 2008. The largest increase in average expenditures, at a 15 percent increase, was for seeds and plants, followed by a 13 percent increase for livestock, poultry, and related expenses, and a 9 percent increase for feed. The largest decreases occurred in other farm machinery at 50 percent lower than 2008, and tractors and self-propelled farm machinery, which decreased 41 percent from 2008. The only expenditure that did not change was miscellaneous capital expenses.

Nationally, total farm production expenditures decreased 6 percent in 2009 to \$287 billion from \$307 billion in 2008. Average expenditures per farm in 2009 decreased 6 percent to \$131,137 from \$140,075 in 2008. The largest decrease in average expenditures was for fuels, which dropped 22 percent from 2008, followed by other farm machinery which dropped 20 percent.

Farm Production Expenditures:  
Farms Reporting, Average per Farm, Total, and Percent Change from 2008  
Arkansas, 2008-2009

Expenditure	Farms Reporting <sup>1</sup>		Average per Farm <sup>2</sup>		Total Expenditures		
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	% Change from 2008
	Percent		Dollars		Million Dollars		
Livestock, Poultry, and Related Expenses <sup>3</sup>	36.1	30.8	11,562	13,035	570	640	+ 12
Feed	69.4	68.8	34,077	37,271	1,680	1,830	+ 9
Farm Services <sup>4</sup>	97.8	96.6	15,416	16,497	760	810	+ 7
Rent <sup>5</sup>	22.7	26.5	11,968	11,202	590	550	- 7
Agricultural Chemicals <sup>6</sup>	37.2	37.6	8,519	8,554	420	420	-
Fertilizer, Lime, and Soil Conditioners <sup>6</sup>	34.4	43.8	11,156	7,739	550	380	- 31
Interest	43.3	34.7	5,274	4,481	260	220	- 15
Taxes (Real Estate and Property)	100.0	100.0	2,434	2,648	120	130	+ 8
Labor	23.7	29.0	6,288	5,703	310	280	- 10
Fuels	85.1	83.8	10,345	7,332	510	360	- 29
Farm Supplies and Repairs <sup>7</sup>	83.3	83.0	5,477	5,703	270	280	+ 4
Farm Improvements and Construction <sup>8</sup>	56.9	50.2	5,274	3,666	260	180	- 31
Tractors and Self-Propelled Farm Machinery	26.3	21.1	4,868	2,851	240	140	- 42
Other Farm Machinery	30.1	20.6	2,434	1,222	120	60	- 50
Seeds and Plants <sup>9</sup>	18.4	19.7	6,897	7,943	340	390	+ 15
Trucks and Autos	31.7	20.3	2,637	1,629	130	80	- 39
Miscellaneous Capital Expenses <sup>10</sup>	19.9	16.0	0	0	0	0	-
Total Farm Production Expenditures <sup>11</sup>	100.0	100.0	144,625	137,475	7,130	6,750	- 5

<sup>1</sup> Number of farms reporting item divided by total number of farms.

<sup>2</sup> Total expenditures divided by total number of farms. Items may not sum to total due to rounding.

<sup>3</sup> Includes purchases and leasing of livestock and poultry.

<sup>4</sup> Includes all crop custom work, veterinary custom services, transportation costs, marketing charges, insurance, leasing of machinery and equipment, general and miscellaneous business expenses, and utilities.

<sup>5</sup> Includes public and private grazing fees.

<sup>6</sup> Includes material and application costs.

<sup>7</sup> Includes bedding and litter, marketing containers, power farm shop equipment, oils and lubricants, miscellaneous non-capital equipment and supplies, repairs and maintenance of livestock and poultry equipment, and capital equipment for livestock and poultry.

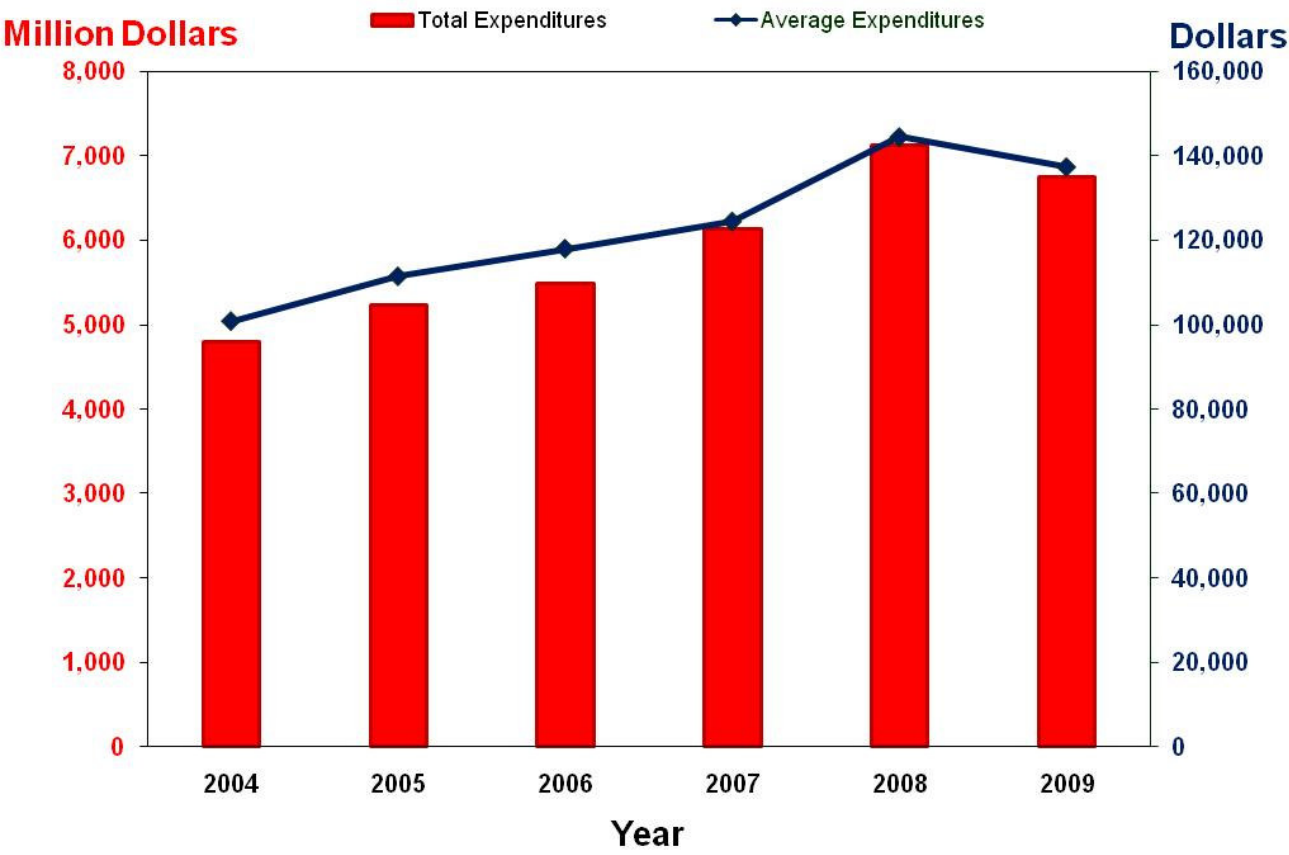
<sup>8</sup> Includes all expenditures related to new construction or repairs of buildings, fences, operator dwelling (if dwelling is owned by the operation), and any improvements to physical structures of land.

<sup>9</sup> Excludes bedding plants, nursery stock, seed purchased for resale, and includes seed treatment.

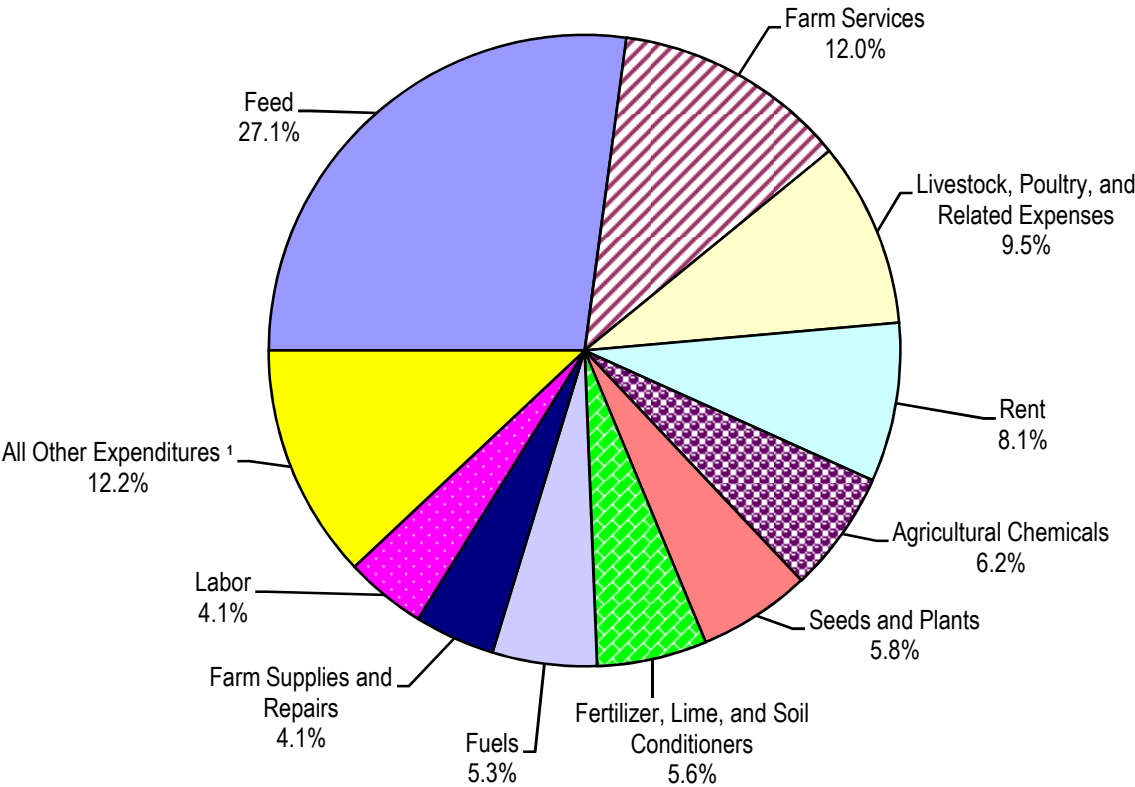
<sup>10</sup> A zero in this line-item denotes less than 5 million dollars. Average value derived from expenditure rounding to zero will also be zero. Miscellaneous Capital Expense was estimated for the first time in 2006.

<sup>11</sup> Includes landlord and contractor share of farm production expenses. Totals may not add due to rounding.

# Arkansas Total and Average Farm Expenditures, 2004-2009



## Arkansas Top Farm Expenditures as a Percent of Total Farm Expenditures, 2009



<sup>1</sup> Includes interest, taxes, farm improvements and construction, tractors and self-propelled farm machinery, other farm machinery, trucks and autos, and miscellaneous capital expenses.